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In re application of:

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Appl. No. (To Be Assigned)

(Continuation Application of U.S. Patent

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For: **Broadcast and Reception System,
and Conditional Access System
Therefor**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is set forth below. Please enter this Amendment prior to calculation of any claim fee and prior to examination of the present application

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Please amend the specification as follows:

--This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/571,011, filed May 15, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/400,314, filed September 21, 1999, which is a continuation of PCT/EP97/02108, filed April 25, 1997.--

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, replace "any of Claims 6 to 8" with --Claim 6--.

Claim 10, line 1, replace "any of Claims 6 to 9" with --Claim 6--.

Claim 11, line 1, replace "any of Claims 6 to 10" with --Claim 6--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "or 14".

Claim 16, line 1, replace "any of Claims 13 to 15" with --Claim 13--.

Claim 17, line 1, replace "any of Claims 12 to 16" with --Claim 12--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete "or 20".

Claim 23, line 1, replace "any of Claims 19 to 22" with --Claim 19--.

Claim 24, line 1, replace "any of Claims 19 to 23" with --Claim 19--.

Claim 26, line 1, replace "any of Claims 19 to 25" with --Claim 19--.

Claim 27, line 1, replace "any of Claims 19 to 26" with --Claim 19--.

Claim 28, line 1, replace "any of Claims 19 to 27" with --Claim 19--.

Kindly cancel claim 29 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the inventions recited therein.

Remarks

Of the 29 claims filed in this application, claims 3-5, 9-11, 15-17, 21, 23, 24 and 26-28 are sought to be amended, and claim 29 is sought to be canceled. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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